

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has suggested for a ban on junk food and colas in schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) There has been studies suggesting a positive correlation between consumption of food with empty calories (junk food and carbonated drinks/colas) and chronic degenerating diseases including obesity. Education being a subject in the concurrent list, most of the schools come under the jurisdiction of the State Government. Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has written to Health Ministers of all States in August, 2006 to consider issuing instructions for withdrawing junk food and carbonated drinks from school and college canteens.

Attraction towards Western Education

†2893. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians are getting attracted towards foreign education, culture and articles very fast;

(b) whether this is the cause for declining interest towards Indian languages, knowledge and sense of belongingness to the country; and

(c) the measures Government are taking to check these tendencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government does not collect information of this nature. According to available information, approximately 1,40,000 students go abroad for higher education each year which is a negligible percentage of the total enrolment of approximately 1.08 crores in Indian Higher Education.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

There has not been any decline in general interest towards Indian languages. The bulk of literary and educational books/papers, magazines, newspapers etc. continue to be published in Indian languages which are being taught at various levels in schools, colleges and educational institutions throughout the country.

Setting up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

2899. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up 1,000 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country to provide quality education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of Orissa in this project; and

(d) the details of new Kendriya Vidyalayas that are proposed to be set up in this backward State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sex education in Schools

†2900. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to commence sex education in schools to prevent HIV-AIDS;

(b) if so, by when this syllabus will be implemented;

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